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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO COMMERCE FOR MARITIME
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SUBJECT: AGENT IN SOUTHAMPTON FOR VISIT OF NEW YORK
MARITIME COLLEGE TRAINING SHIP EMPIRE STATE

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1. EMBASSY HAS PASSED NY MARITIME COLLEGE LETTER RE
DESIRE TO HOLD COCKTAIL PARTY DURING SOUTHAMPTON VISIT
OF EMPIRE STATE TO RECOMMENDED AGENT, GLOVER BROS. AGENT
HAS STILL NOT HEARD FROM NY MARITIME COLLEGE CONFIRMING
ITS DESIGNATION AS AGENT FOR SHIP'S VISIT. EMBASSY
RECEIVED TODAY THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. D. J. SMITH.

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MANAGER, GLOVER BROS. PLEASE PASS ASAP TO NY MARITIME
COLLEGE, ATTN: CAPT. F. W. ENGLISH, COMMANDING OFFICER,
EMPIRE STATE.

2. "RE US TRAINING SHIP 'EMPIRE STATE': FURTHER TO OUR
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WE ARE PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE
APPOINTMENT OF PORT AGENTS FOR THE ABOVE VESSEL. OUR
FEE WILL BE 600 POUNDS STERLING PLUS EXPENSES; I.E.,
POSTAGE, COMMUNICATIONS AND STAFF OVERTIME. WE WOULD
REQUIRE A SUM OF MONEY TO BE DEPOSITED WITH US ON THE
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SHIP'S ARRIVAL, TO COVER ALL PORT CHARGES, TUGS, TYING
UP, ETC. ANY FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE BY POST.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED COCKTAIL PARTY ON FRIDAY
10TH JUNE, 1977. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CAPTAIN
STEVENSON AND COMMANDER WARNHAM AND BETWEEN US WE WILL
DRAW UP A SUITABLE GUEST LIST AND WE WILL BE PLEASED TO

SEND OUT THE INVITATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE MASTER.

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ARRANGE ANY ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PERSONNEL, SUCH AS COACH TRIPS, VISIT TO HMS 'VICTORY' AT PORTSMOUTH, ETC., THIS MUST BE DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF NEEDED.

I HAVE TODAY WRITTEN TO THE PORT DIRECTOR, THE HEAD OF HM CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AND THE CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER ASKING FOR SPECIAL FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH OPECZ-TION OF THE VESSELS CALL AT THIS PORT. I HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR A REDUCTION OF THE NORMAL PORT CHARGES AS SHE IS A TRAINING SHIP.

AS THE 6TH AND 7TH JUNE WILL BE A HOLIDAY, THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET ALL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED IF POSSIBLE, BY 3RD JUNE. I WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MY HOME OVER THE WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY, TELEPHONE NO. 042-127-3482."

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